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The Baptist Record

"THY KINGDOM COME"

OLD SERIES—VOLUME 64

Jackson, Miss., Thursday, February 17, 1949

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**DR. O. P. ESTES TO SPEAK
ON MISS. RADIO HOUR**



DR. O. P. ESTES

Dr. O. P. Estes, pastor of the First Church, Picayune, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday afternoon, February 20, at 2:30 CST over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAL, Laurel; WHOC, Philadelphia; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; KWEM, West Memphis; WJMB, Brookhaven.

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"Fifty-Fifty" Idea Promoted In 1926 WAS A BASIC PURPOSE OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—They say there is never a new idea; merely adaptations of old ones.

Such seems to be true as regards the fifty-fifty division of money handled by Southern Baptist churches. Now — in 1949 — as gears are set for emphasis on the equal division of church income for local expense and mission and benevolent causes under the campaign slogan "Fifty-fifty by 1950," someone turns up with an October 1926 copy of Baptist Bulletin Service pleading for the same thing then.

The division of the Baptist dollar one-half to local expenses and one-half to missions and benevolences was recommended to the churches in 1926 by the Cooperative Program Commission, a group named by the Southern Baptist Convention to set up and promote the infant Cooperative Program prior to the formation of an Executive Committee.

"The Commission believes," said that 1926 Baptist bulletin folder, "that every Christian is under just as much obligation to help carry forward the work of the kingdom beyond the borders of his own community as he is to help pay the salary of his pastor, provide a house of worship and take

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Liberty Loving Americans Are Warned By Dr. L.D. Newton

Conference Speaker



DR. C. E. MATTHEWS

Dr. C. E. Matthews, Director of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board will be one of the featured speakers at the Evangelistic Conference, delivering an address each afternoon at 2:45. The meeting is to be held at the First Church, Columbus, March 1-4. The complete program appeared in the issue of February 10.

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LAYMEN MAKE VISITS FOR PASTORS

BUFFALO, N. Y. —(RNS)— Men and women of Kenmore Methodist church here lighten the burden of their pastors by doing most of the visitation work themselves.

For more than two years several hundred couples have made personal calls at the homes of other members. If Johnny gets sick or a family runs low on food or clothing, they report to the church office. Instant steps are taken to lend a helping hand.

Since the program started 650 persons have joined the church, which today has a membership of 2,200. Lay visitors can take much credit for this increase because they always inquire about persons without church affiliation in the neighborhood.

The names of unchurched families are given to the pastor who makes follow-up calls.

"Callers are urged to find ways of knowing our people, ways to win their love and respect and to convince them that we have a sincere interest in them," Pastor Guyer said. "This is not a substitute for regular pastoral visitation, but an effort to make the pastor's work more effective."

S. S. Convention Speaker



DR. T. L. HOLCOMB

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will attend the Mississippi Sunday School Convention at Columbus, March 8-9, and will bring the closing message on Wednesday evening, March 9.

Dr. Holcomb is a native of Mississippi and a former pastor of the First Church of Columbus. He will be coming back home in more ways than one.

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The Government Subsidizes Sectarianism And Sex

By Coleman Craig

Nearly \$700,000 of the funds of the European Recovery Act have been allocated to American publishers to recompense them for the amount of the sales of their publications in Germany since German marks are not convertible into American dollars. The largest beneficiary of this government bonanza is the *Catholic Digest*, which gets, according to a story in the *New York Times*, "A yearly guarantee of \$250,000 to cover a German language edition of 50,000 copies monthly of the *Catholic Digest*." Included in these large rebates are Fawcett Publications for 10,000 comic books a month, and Facfadden Publications International for 50,000 copies monthly of *True Confessions* and *True Story*.

This is a monstrous perversion of the intent and purpose of the European Recovery Act. Just how the government can justify the taking of funds totaling nearly a million dollars to make good the losses of a Catholic magazine and the sexy magazines, *True Story* and *True Confessions* is

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By Louie D. Newton, Chairman
Executive Committee Protestants and
Other Americans United for
Separation of Church and State

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," declared a wise man in the long ago. Our forefathers realized this, and acted accordingly. Will liberty-loving Americans awake in time to safeguard the liberties which our fathers have passed on to us?

Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, organized in Washington in January, 1948, and now generally referred to as POAU, earnestly appeals to all liberty-loving Americans to awake to the sinister encroachments upon the cherished citadel of religious liberty in numerous situations throughout our country and particularly in Senate Bill 246, Section Six, now pending and likely to be voted upon immediately. I quote a resolution adopted at our meeting in Washington, January 27, 1949, and beg every reader of this paper to communicate immediately with your Senators, urging them to vote for the amendment cited in the following resolution:

The issue of the separation of church and state immediately confronts us. The Bill S. 246 now pending in Congress lends itself to an interpretation which makes possible the use of Federal funds for parochial schools. POAU takes no position for or against Federal aid to public education, but speaking in the name of Protestants, Jewish and other American groups, POAU respectfully calls upon Congress to defeat the attempt of the Roman Catholic hierarchy or any other church group to secure public funds for parochial schools as permitted by S. 246, Section Six, page 7, line ten, after the (Continued on Page Two)

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CHURCH UNION LAMBASTS SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

SOME OPPOSITION IS MORE WONDERFUL THAN PRAISE

CHICAGO —(BP)— Refusal of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to be party to a church union movement has led to a denunciation of SBC leaders by The Christian Evangelist, national weekly of the Disciples of Christ.

"It may well be questioned," the editor continued his bombast, "whether a communion (Southern Baptists) so consistently unwilling to cooperate in movements toward Protestant unity should be allowed, in the interest of unity of one agency, to halt the progress of the whole cooperative movement now seeking greater effectiveness in its organizational life."

LIBERTY LOVING AMERICANS

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words "expenditure for" the word "public" be inserted.

I have only to remind you that within the past year court action was necessary to stop the Roman Catholic hierarchy from practically taking over a number of public schools in New Mexico, in which case the presiding judge declared, "There is no separation of church and state here;" and to cite the present situation in numerous public schools in Missouri; and the referendum in North Dakota to ban nuns from teaching in the public schools in ecclesiastical garb, to convince any one that the issue is clear and challenging. And if anyone doubts the avowed purpose of the Roman hierarchy in the United States, let such one study the manifesto of the hierarchy, issued on November 20, 1948, entitled, "The Christian in Action." The hour of destiny for religious liberty has struck. Will we awake in time?

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"FIFTY-FIFTY" IDEA

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care of the incidental expenses incident to the maintenance of a church building and worship."

Noting this old bulletin, Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the present Executive Committee pointed out that equal division of money at home and abroad was a basic purpose of the Cooperative Program from its beginning. And, basis for "Fifty-fifty" dates back 2000 years to the teachings of Jesus who said "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

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THE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZES

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beyond our understanding. To propose that the circulation of these magazines contributes to the recovery of Europe is to stretch the meaning of the Recovery Act to fantastic lengths. The more one learns of the horrible waste of public funds under governmental spending, the more one is appalled at the utter folly of many public officials charged with the responsibility of administering the people's money.

—The Baptist Review

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CLARENCE PALMER ENDS
1ST YEAR AT CHALYBEATE

The Rev. Clarence Palmer has completed his first year as pastor of the Chalybeate Church.

During the year an Extension Department has been added in the Sunday School, a revival was held by the pastor a public address system was purchased jointly with the Providence Church where the pastor also serves part-time, a school bus was obtained for Sunday School transportation religious films were inaugurated in the church program, and the annual Vacation Bible School and study courses were held.

The Baptist Record, The Commission, and the Home Mission Magazine were put in the church budget prior to the coming of Pastor Palmer.

Dr. D. A. McCall, Rev. Martin Gilbert, W. C. Morgan, and W. R. Roberts, all from the Baptist Headquarters each visited Chalybeate once during the year.

The church has shown appreciation for their pastor by installing a hot-water tank in the pastorum, as well as doing other work on the pastorum, by sending him to the State Convention, and in presenting him an electric blanket at Christmas.

EVANGELISTIC SECRETARIES HOLD FIRST MEETING



Reading from left to right: Back row—R. L. Randolph, Virginia; James W. Merritt, Georgia; Noel T. Taylor, Illinois; Fred McCaulley, Home Mission Board; Otho Williams, Illinois; V. L. Wyatt, Alabama; L. Clifford Wells, Kansas; M. M. Barnett, Missouri; John Maguire, Florida; Jas. A. Howard, South Carolina; H. C. Whitener, Georgia; E. Powell Lee, Department of Evangelism of Home Mission Board; J. A. Pennington, Oklahoma; W. C. Boone, Kentucky.

Center row—Miss Ruth Inglis, Department of Evangelism of Home Mission Board; C. Y. Dossey, Department of Evangelism of Home Mission Board; Martin J. Gilbert, Mississippi; L. G. Frey, Tennessee; J. F. McLellan, Louisiana; C. W. Caldwell, Arkansas; Leroy Smith, Arizona; Louisiana; C. W. Caldwell, Arkansas; Leroy Smith, Arizona; Martin J. Gilbert, Mississippi; L. G. Frey, Tennessee.

Front row—Clifford Walker, Florida; C. E. Wilbanks, California; Eual Lawson, New Mexico; C. Wade Freeman, Texas; C. E. Matthews, Department of Evangelism of Home Mission Board; Frank Weedon, Texas.

Calvary, Columbus, Adds 16



REV. TURNER DAVIS, JR.

The Rev. Turner Davis, Jr., who until recently was educational director at Calvary Church, Columbus, conducted a very successful revival at the church in that church.

During the week closing Jan. 30, there was much interest shown, and 16 people (several past 40 years of age) came on profession of faith, one young man surrendered to the full work of the ministry and many others rededicated their lives to better service for the Master.

We recommend Rev. Davis who is only 22 years of age, to any church desiring an evangelist who preaches the old time gospel. He is available for revivals and youth campaigns and will appreciate your calling on him. His mailing address is Columbus.

The church at Calvary regrets to

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
BY ASSOCIATIONS

January 1, 1948 — December 31, 1948
**Indicate the association increased 1948 total contributions over 1947.

Group I

ASSOCIATIONS	AMOUNT
1. Hinds	\$156,560.74
2. Lauderdale	69,576.21
**3. Columbus	63,119.89
4. Lebanon	56,407.23
5. Jones	52,308.10
**6. Deer Creek	47,106.07
**7. Lee	40,219.44
8. Pike	38,805.05
**9. Lincoln	37,213.37
**10. Copiah	33,474.13
**11. Warren	23,845.83
12. Pearl River	22,500.61
**13. Grenada	20,969.98
**14. Gulf Coast	20,279.52
**15. Mississippi	19,826.78
16. Jackson	19,645.86
17. Leflore	19,150.68
**18. Marion	18,782.02
**19. Newton	18,629.12
**20. Winston	18,456.34
**21. Sunflower	17,938.03
22. Riverside	17,634.44
**23. Jeff Davis	16,624.14
**24. Union County	16,472.56
**25. Pontotoc	16,237.12

Group II

**1. Madison	\$15,899.84
**2. Calhoun	15,400.55
3. Clay	15,055.83
**4. Rankin	14,129.80
5. Holmes	13,550.79
**6. Clarke	13,408.68
**7. Panola	12,832.19
**8. Monroe	12,707.88
**9. Simpson	11,795.31
10. Neshoba	10,887.31
**11. Covington	10,854.33
12. Bolivar	10,504.19
**13. Tippah	10,355.93
14. Yazoo	10,270.52
**15. Scott	10,226.83
**16. Adams-Franklin	10,124.73
**17. Attala	9,924.80
**18. Walthall	9,616.91
19. Alcorn	8,828.58
20. Tallahatchie	8,605.99
21. Oktibbeha County	8,572.66
22. Prentiss	8,479.58
**23. Leake	8,252.68
24. Marshall	8,243.83
**25. Lafayette	7,704.93

Group III

1. Jasper	\$7,679.29
2. Lawrence	6,637.32
**3. Smith	6,629.89
**4. Yalobusha	6,422.87
**5. Chickasaw	6,173.63
**6. Perry	6,117.08
**7. George	5,939.93
8. Montgomery	5,780.39
**9. Wayne	5,419.10
**10. Tate	5,117.26
**11. Zion	5,041.87
**12. Greene	4,909.22
**13. Noxubee	4,242.80
**14. Choctaw	4,138.51
**15. Union	3,932.29
**16. Tishomingo	3,391.18
17. De Soto	3,165.47
18. Kemper	2,572.55
19. Benton	1,556.47
20. Carroll	1,453.32
**21. New Choctaw	406.12
22. Itawamba	344.02
23. Oktibbeha	340.46
24. Liberty	310.42
**25. Mt. Pisgah	283.00
**26. Pearl Valley	6.55

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NEW ORLEANS — THE SOUTHERN Baptist Relief Center has received word from Rev. Otto Nallinger, European Representative of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, that vegetable seeds are not needed in Europe at the present because of the excellent harvest of last year.

see Rev. Davis leave, but feels that the Lord has called him to greater fields of service.

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A Neglected Group

Many times we have called attention to the fact that some churches have not raised pastor's salaries as much as living costs have risen. We have not changed our opinion.

There is another group of workers that are often forgotten. We refer to our educational directors, music directors, church secretaries and other salaried employees of our churches.

We have frequently noted that the pastor's salary was raised but the budget listed one or more of the above class of workers at the same salary.

When living expenses rise they affect all, not the pastor alone.

Many educational directors and ministers of music have nearly the same training or its equivalent as the pastor. This fact should be considered.

A few churches have bought or built homes for the educational director. Why not all? If a church is able to employ such a worker, it is probably able to provide a home.

There is a critical shortage of educational directors. Perhaps the lack of homes and, in many cases, failure to pay salaries in keeping with training and cost of living is contributing cause to this shortage.

We are not minimizing the position of any pastor. His place is first and the educational director and other full-time workers must have second place and yet, it seems to us that it ought not to be thought of in terms of "first" or "second" places, but rather in the light of two full-time specialized positions in a church with two workers thoroughly qualified to do this particular job in cooperation with the whole church program. That's the way most of them try to work, always recognizing the leadership of the pastor. That's the way it should be!

For What?

According to Religious News Service, "Myron C. Taylor, personal representative of President Truman to the Vatican, received the Medal of Merit from the Chief Executive during an informal ceremony at the White House."

Concerning Taylor, an Episcopalian, a citation accompanying the award said:

"As a diplomatist, Mr. Taylor has been the personal representative of two Presidents of the United States to His Holiness the Pope with the rank of ambassador."

"On many missions to His Holiness and to other leaders in Church and State throughout Europe he has labored diligently with men of good will in parallel efforts to promote peace and concord among nations torn asunder by jealousy, hatred and ill will and to ameliorate the misery which inevitably follows in the wake of war."

The citation also mentioned Taylor's contribution toward stabilized labor-management relations while serving as chairman of the United States Steel Corp.

It is our opinion that Mr. Taylor has done nothing that could not have been done by the Ambassador to Italy. We understand that the cost of his services has been approximately \$40,000 per year. The American ambassador at Rome could have performed these duties at practically no extra cost.

The citation states that Mr. Taylor has labored to promote peace. We can recall many others who have also labored to promote peace. Why not give them a Medal of Merit? So far as we can recall, Mr. Taylor has not accomplished one thing for peace that could not have been done by our Ambassador to Italy.

As to Mr. Taylor's contribution toward stabilized labor-management relations, many others have done likewise. It seems to us that the President was hard up for reasons for bestowing the medal.

Frankly, we think the reason for Mr. Taylor's position is that President Truman is courting the Catholics.

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Should Never Start

According to a news dispatch from Religious News Service, churches and religious, fraternal, civic and patriotic groups in Miami, Florida, have been asked by City Manager O. P. Hart to end gambling carried on in the name of charity.

Gambling is wrong regardless of the sponsor. No church should promote gambling in any form. We shall ever be thankful for the

stand of the First Baptist Church of Pontotoc, our last pastorate. They have a rule against any money raising schemes.

In all God's Word, there is no command to raise money by gambling, oyster suppers, ice cream parties, quilt schemes or bingo games.

Tithes and offerings is God's Plan. Churches using this plan prosper. Churches using other plans lack the respect of even the unchurched.

The plea of the Miami City Manager follows:

MIAMI, Fla.—(RNS)—Churches and religious, fraternal, civic and patriotic groups here have been called upon by City Manager O. P. Hart to end gambling carried on in the name of charity.

At the same time, Police Chief Walter E. Headley warned that racket elements were infiltrating into bingo and slot machine games and were taking in a percentage of profits.

Both Hart and Headley said that bingo and slot machines, while conducted by reputable groups, tended to create the gambling instinct among young and old.

Hart offered such groups the use of the football stadium and other municipal centers for the staging of entertainment in lieu of gambling.

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Our Responsibility

How many of us when we have occasion to write our names have taken time to look at it a few minutes in meditation? It would certainly be time well spent for us to think about our name, and ask ourselves the question: "What is in my name?" and "What impression does it make on other people when they hear it repeated?"

Our name was inherited from our fathers and mothers. Back of them were generations of people who tried to make it stand for something honorable. As we reflect on it, we could never realize all the dreams and hopes that are compressed into this name we bear. Does this not inspire us to make our names a priceless heritage for our children, and their children's children.

It is noble to inherit from an earthly father a name which stands for truth, honesty and courage. But how sublime to inherit from our Heavenly Father the noblest name anyone ever possessed—the name CHRISTIAN. And our greatest responsibility as Christians is to conduct our lives in such a way that honor will be brought to our Christian name.

There are so many ways we can bring praise and honor to the Christian name. But one of the greatest ways is by exercising the love Christ has put in our hearts. If we love Christ we will ever strive

to do the things that are pleasing to Him. The heart of all that Jesus taught is summed up in His two commands, supreme love to God, and love of our neighbors as Christ loved us: Matthew 22:37-39. Love is the law of our religion, and no matter what else we may do or be, if we are not lovely in our lives, we are utter failures as Christians.

We must stand firm in our faith, watch for opportunities for service and helpfulness. The greatest Christian among us is the Christian who serves. Paul in one verse gives us a list of ways we can bring honor to the name Christian: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8.

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

We Wonder Why

Not so long ago, Clara Booth Luce, noted columnist and a member of the congress embraced the Catholic faith and renounced the public life disapproved by that faith. Her action was heralded far and wide, the winning of such a personality giving occasion for effective publicity. We have no quarrel with Catholics for capitalizing upon decisions like this and we only wonder why cases in reverse are not publicized. Mrs. Luce renounced another faith in favor of the Catholic belief.

At the same time that Mrs. Luce was making her spectacular transfer, "the" Rev. Noel Patrick Conlon, member of the order of Fransiscans and member of the faculty of Bonaventure College, Alleghany, New York, was renouncing his Catholic faith and forming an affiliation with a protestant organization. Perhaps the lack of publicity in the second instance is due to the failure of the non-Catholic groups to make the proper contact with the public press. The cause, however, seems to be deeper than this. All too often in this new and democratic country we have found a prejudiced press.

But there is no disposition to place all the blame upon the press and to cover up the multiple of sins for which the average non-Catholic group must ultimately give an accounting. It is generally known that the Catholic "entra" is measurably greater than other groups and that as a semi-religious order they really work at the job of getting over to the printed pages of the nation; whereas the groups, entirely religious and non-Catholic, merely play at the job. The publicity in the Luce and Conlon cases will bear study, since it must reflect in the main, an unfair press or a lack of publicity interest on the part of the religious group.—Editor L. A. Myers in The Baptist New Mexican.

Sparks & Splinters

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE'S LYCEUM schedule includes Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet to be presented by the National Classic Theater March 7, and George Bernard Shaw's comedy, Pygmalion, which will be presented by The Touring Players, Inc., March 17.

McADAMS CHURCH RECENTLY RECEIVED a \$100 contribution on the building fund from a former pastor, Rev. W. A. Roper of Meridian.

A FLAG OF URUGUAY HAS BEEN given to Southern Seminary, Louisville, by the newly organized Uruguayan Baptist Convention as a token of appreciation of the Baptists of Uruguay for the contribution of Southern Seminary and of Southern Baptists to the program of world evangelism.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS RECEIVED a copy of the minutes of the Perry County Association. The minutes are well prepared and the printers did a good job. In sending the minutes Rev. Luther K. Turner, secretary of the association, stated that they were by far the best in the history of Perry Association.

MISS MAURINE SPARKMAN, PINE Bluff, Ark., has been selected to serve as librarian for the Baptist Student Union Council. Miss Willie Vesta Winslett, Laurel, is the new freshman representative on the council.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT OF the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptists gave \$65,222 through the cooperative program for the month of December, of which \$29,543 was through the Cooperative program and \$35,679 was designated.

COST ON RENTAL OF "THE ROMANCE OF A CENTURY" has been reduced from \$12 to \$6. The revised film will be available at Baptist Book Stores after February 1.

MIAMI, ARIZ. — (RNS) — CHARGES against the Rev. A. Luke Fritz, pastor of a Presbyterian church, were filed by a Miami tavern owner following a fracas in his establishment when ministers, witnesses and a photographer entered to get evidence supporting their claim that the taverns were open after hours, were selling liquor to minors and were permitting gambling.

SARDIS CHURCH, SMITH COUNTY, has called Dr. O. P. Moore as pastor for half-time. Dr. Moore will serve Sardis Church in connection with his duties as Public Relations Director of Clarke College. Dan J. Butler, who has served as church clerk for 44 years, resigned and Floyd Woods was elected to succeed him.

WHITEVILLE, N. C. — (RNS) — ABOUT 400 Columbus County residents, meeting in a local Baptist church, served formal notice they will begin a trade boycott of the town of Whiteville in two weeks unless beer and wine sales in the town cease. Many church congregations have pledged themselves not to trade in Whiteville, the county seat, unless absolutely necessary.

SPEAKERS FOR THE ANNUAL PASTORS' Conference of Southern Seminary, Louisville, March 7-11, will include Dr. E. G. Homrichausen, of the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary; Dr. J. Powell Tucker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.; and Congressman Brooks Hays, of Arkansas. Five new members of the Southern Seminary faculty will deliver inaugural addresses during the conference. Dr. William A. Mueller, professor of theology; Dr. Theron D. Price, assistant professor of church history; Dr. Wayne E. Oates, assistant professor of psychology of religion; Dr. J. J. Owens, assistant professor of Old Testament interpretation; and Dr. Dale Moody, assistant professor of theology.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS HAVE TODAY 33 per cent more territory in which they are promoting the Kingdom program than they had 25 years ago, and a population 72 per cent greater than that within the Convention bounds at that time, Dr. Courts Redford, of the Home Mission Board, said in a Missionary Day address recently at Southern Seminary, Louisville. There are 40 per cent more lost people in Southern Baptist states now than a quarter of a century ago, Dr. Redford said.

AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE Religious Education Association of Mississippi, meeting at Mississippi Woman's College, resolutions of appreciation were adopted. The resolutions mentioned the fine cooperation of the student body, President and Mrs. I. E. Rouse, Earl Mead, Educational Director of Cliff Temple church, Dallas, William K. Weaver, BSU Secretary of Alabama, Mrs. William K. Weaver, REA president, William G. Watson, Riley Munday, vice-president, Miss Margaret Ray, secretary-treasurer. The resolutions also expressed regret at the loss from our state of Miss Margaret Ray and William G. Watson.

THE TULSA BAPTIST MINISTER who has received nationwide publicity for his "eviction plan" has never been affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention. He has been a nation-wide independent evangelist. Prior to his present work which includes the eviction of tenants he was field secretary of the Fundamentalist Christian Association with headquarters in Dallas, Texas. His present property holdings include eighteen apartment units.

A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF THE Pontotoc County Association, which met October 14-15, have been sent to the Baptist Record by the clerk, T. M. Wingo. The minutes are well prepared and the printing job is equally as good.

SEVERAL BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE students are planning to attend the third Baptist World Youth Congress in Stockholm, Sweden, in August. They are Miriam Preston, Nashville, Tenn.; Charla Walters, Laurel; Sylvia Burr, Springfield, Tenn.; Jessie Jeanne Jeffers, Tyler, Tex.; and Beverly Hodges, Meridian, a graduate who is now student secretary at Southeast Junior College. The group will engage in part-time mission work in Holland in addition to attending the Congress. The party will be conducted by William H. Preston, Southwide Student Secretary.



Shown above are the officers of the Institute of Mississippi Baptist Associational Field Men who were elected at the recent meeting at Clarke College. From left to right they are: Rev. N. G. Hickman, Vice-President; Rev. Kenneth Hall, president, and Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Secretary-treasurer.

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AMONG RECENT VISITORS TO THE office of The Baptist Record were: Rev. E. L. Howell, Foxworth; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; D. N. Ray, Jr., Shelby; Mrs. M. C. Waldrup, Merigold; Rev. Owen Williams, Utica; Rev. Melvin T. Wilson, East Fork; Rev. E. E. Hedgepeth, Monticello; Miss Patsy Bailey, Holly Springs; Rev. and Mrs. Howard Aultman, Holly Springs; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Chapman, Utica; Dr. A. F. Crittenden, Fresno, California; Rev. James Nolan Brister, Yazoo City; Rev. Phil J. Walker, Vicksburg; Rev. R. A. Hancock, Clinton; Rev. O. L. Chambers, Vicksburg.

MRS. SILAS COOPER WAS GUEST speaker at the meeting of the Mississippi College Ministers' Wives Association on Tuesday evening, February 10. Her subject was "The Home and the Family Altar." Mrs. J. D. Aycock, past president, led the devotional. Her theme was "Giving Our Bodies as Living Sacrifices."

ACCORDING TO MAX STANFIELD, chairman of the committee of reservations for breakfasts, luncheons and dinners, all groups desiring dining hall space reserved for any time during the Southern Baptist Convention should contact him immediately. Such space, especially for larger groups, is at a premium. His address is 5645 Northwest 10 Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

THE REV. MR. MARTIN GILBERT, State Secretary of Evangelism, recently held a series of services in the Greenville Church, Lamar County, in which he emphasized tithing and loyalty to God. The pastor is the Rev. Mr. H. L. Deer.

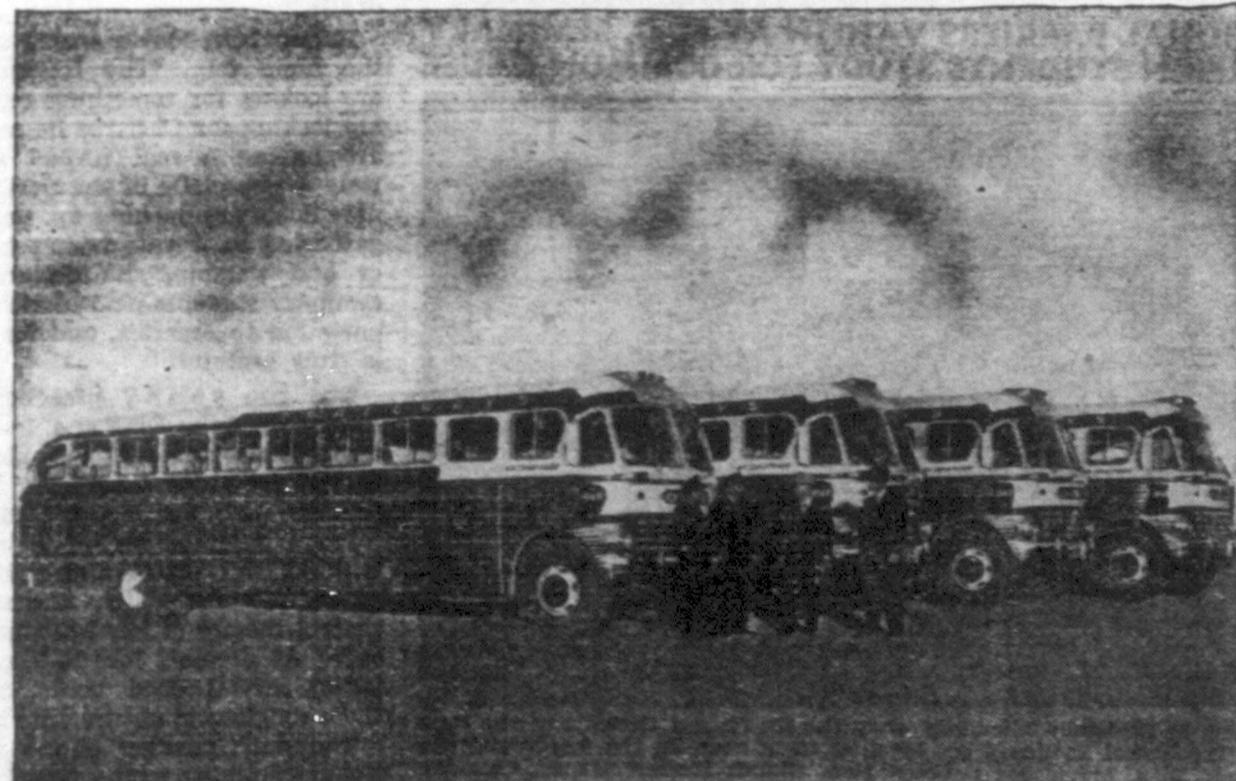
REV. L. S. POLK, PASTOR OF EASTSIDE Church, Jackson, is dangerously ill in Foundation Hospital, New Orleans and would appreciate the prayers of Baptist Record readers.

AUGUSTA, ME. — (RNS) — THE Maine Christian Civic League went on record here as ready to secure positive action "to reduce the social wreckage now being caused in Maine by the sale of liquor."

TWO TRAINING UNION GROUPS OF the Center Terrace Church, Canton, met in the new church building Feb. 7-11 in a study course, with Miss Bertha McKay teaching 13 Young People and Mrs. C. O. Estes teaching 17 Adults. Following the last session each group enjoyed a social hour with seasonal refreshments. C. O. Estes is the pastor.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE BLUE Mountain College operetta was listed in an article in last week's Record. An engagement for March 1 in the high school auditorium at Greenwood should also have been included.

New Luxury SILVERLINERS Added To Southern Trailways Fleet



These are four of the 16 new, air-conditioned luxury Silverliners, which are being added to the Southern Trailways fleet of over 300 modern buses. The new Silverliners are 1949 ACF buses, equipped with special, high-powered engines and completely air-conditioned for winter and summer travel comfort. Although designed to hold 41 passengers, they are fitted with only 37 seats, thereby allowing considerably more leg room and reclining space. Shown inspecting the recent arrivals at the Company's headquarters in Alexandria, La., are Bus Operators J. L. Peck and J. C. Gallup; C. W. Hanks, Alexandria maintenance manager; and H. S. Shanklin, system-wide maintenance supervisor. The new Silverliners are being operated by Southern Trailways in connection with Continental Southern Trailways Bus Company on through schedules over the Dallas-Birmingham, Dallas-Meridian, and Dallas-New Orleans routes. Additional Silverliner services are being planned over other Southern Trailways routes.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

NATCHEZ FIRST observes WEEK of Prayer with all organizations participating. On Monday the W. M. S. was in charge of the program but all organizations were present, there were 82 present. Tuesday the Sunbeams were in charge with 56 present, Wednesday we had a night meeting with the Y. W. A.'s and B. W. C.'s in charge and 51 present; Thursday afternoon the R. A.'s and G. A.'s were in charge with 74 present. Then Friday we had another night meeting with one of the Circles of the W.M.S. presenting a beautiful program of song, prayer and praise, with the ingathering of the "Lottie Moon" Christmas offering. The plan worked splendidly, we had a mixed attendance at each meeting, thereby bringing the mother organization closer to our young people. I am proud of our week of service for I saw among the women and children too a spirit of service, worship and giving that I have never noticed before.

MANUAL OF Woman's Missionary Union

SOMETHING NEW

We have looked forward for many months to the publication of the MANUAL OF W. M. U. At last we can announce that it can be ordered from the Baptist Book Store for \$1.00. The book is a larger book than the average mission study book because it is a resource book, source book, reference book and all that a MANUAL implies. It is hoped that every Missionary Society will make plans for the study of this book—particularly for the officers. It has a section devoted to suggestions and help for each

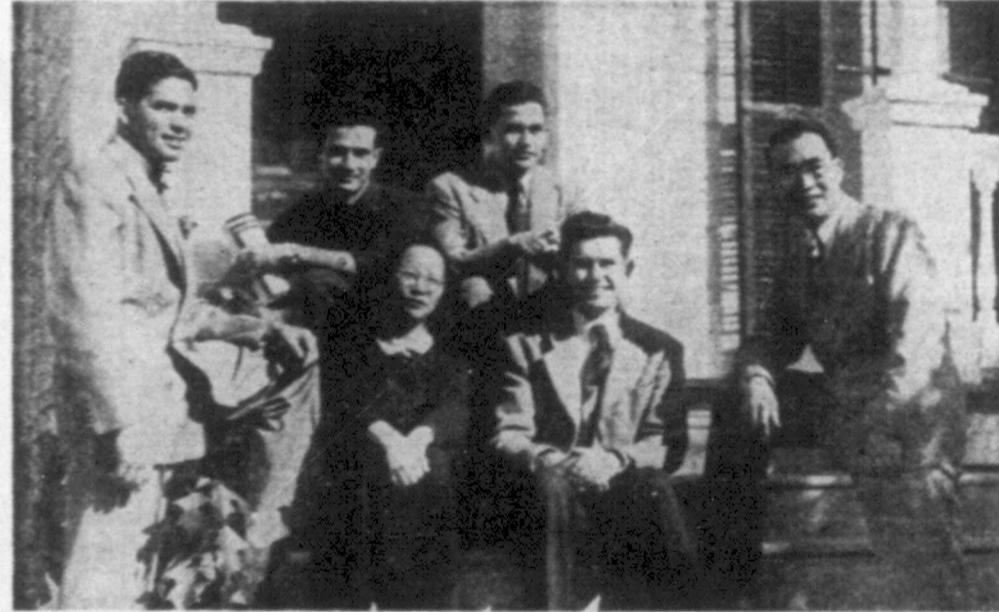
officer and committee chairman, many excellent plans that have been used with profit by societies over the southland—it is a compilation of the best methods, plans and helps for the Woman's Missionary Society that we have available. The foreword carries this quotation "if larger numbers of women and young people in all the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention take up the study of this Manual and thereby give themselves anew to the cause of missions and become enthusiastic and effective Kingdom builders these pages will have accomplished their purpose." It is a MUST for most effective, efficient performing of our duties as officers and members of WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

HOME MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER

Feb. 28 - March 4

We will remember that special emphasis is being given in Mississippi on the EXTRA (over and above) for the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans. Miss (Gladys) Keith is the Director of this mission work. A Mississippian who has labored effectively there for 14 years. A new building is nearing completion and it is hoped that Mississippi W. M. U. can help in the furnishing of that building. We have approved and are following this plan—a goal of \$45,650 has been set (a 10 per cent increase over gifts last year for Home Missions during the Week of Prayer) and the first \$5,000 beyond that is designated for the furnishing at the Rachel Sims Mission. It is hoped that each organization will set a worthy goal and strive toward it.

INTERNATIONAL BARRIERS VANISH AT N. O. SEMINARY AS SIX FOREIGN STUDENTS STUDY FOR COMMON CAUSE



Barriers vanish in Christian fellowship when the six foreign students of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary got together for a chat. In the foreground are left to right: Julio Diaz, Argentina; Rebecca Han, China; Herbert Haney, Canada; and David Yang, China. Seated behind are, left to right: Mario Acacia, Italy; and Jose Quintero, Argentina.

International barriers vanish among the six foreign students at the New Orleans Theological seminary.

They come from all parts of the world—China, Argentina, Canada and Italy—but their differences in customs, language and government are forgotten in their common aim of Christian service.

"My people (450 million Chinese) need a change for Christ," declared Chinese student Rebecca Han. Practical in her plans for meeting the needs of her people, Miss Han plans to re-

turn to China and open up industrial schools for the poor where they can learn the story of Jesus while they become skilled in a trade.

After completing his education, Chinese born David Yang also will return to his native land to work as a teacher, and to carry on a crusade for Christ. He is studying theology and religious education at the seminary, and working on a master's degree in education at Tulane university. "We must," says David, "take Christ

— BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

Brotherhood Officers' Clinic Helps Leaders

The plan of holding a Clinic for church Brotherhood officers in the several Associations throughout the state is proving helpful. The Brotherhood Secretary had the privilege and pleasure of attending one of those Clinics for Deer Creek Association recently, held at Hollandale. A good representation from the various churches in the Association were present and everyone seemed to think that it was most successful. Associational Brotherhood president R. J. Koonce, and Missionary, Brother Douglas, had made good plans and everything went according to schedule.

The purpose of the Clinic is to bring together pastors, church Brotherhood officers and other interested men throughout the Association to discuss definitely what and how to carry on Brotherhood work in the best way. Associational Brotherhood officers are responsible for planning and holding these Clinics at some church, usually a one night session. In most instances, the Associational officers are planning in our state to hold the Clinics immediately after the first quarter's Associational Rallies in March. Plans will be made and announcements will be made regarding this meeting in the various Associations. Even though this is a little late in the year to hold the Clinics, it will be a good start. We trust that next year we shall hold the Clinics in the Fall, immediately after the election of the officers.

to our people even at the peril of death."

Italian born Mario Acacia spoke in the same vein. "The Italian people are looking for something real. They are looking for Christ's he said. "We are having a real revival all over Italy—especially in the North. Many new fields are opening up. People are gathering in private homes for prayer and worship," he declared. The seminary students paid Mario's transportation to America, and for this he is truly grateful.

The two young preachers from Argentina, Julio Diaz and Jose Quintero, are also anxious to complete their studies in order to return to their country with the message of Christ.

Jose's talented young wife, Nelly, is a skillful artist and draws and paints pictures which illustrate the central themes of her husband's messages. At present, Jose is busy translating several good books, most of them religious in nature, into Spanish.

The sixth member of the international group is a young preacher from New Brunswick, Canada, Herbert Haney.

"Canada is growing, and she needs Christ to help her grow in the right direction," the Rev. Haney declared. He hopes to do some graduate seminary work which will better fit him for his ministry in the land to the north.

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YOU CAN'T GEOGRAPHIZE MISSIONS because there is no difference in God's sight between Jew and Greek, white and black, American and Russian... George W. Sadler, THE BAPTIST STUDENT.

District Brotherhood Conferences Announced

The Annual District Brotherhood Conferences will be held this Fall as per usual. The dates have been set but, in most instances, the places have not. The dates are as follows: Monday, October 31, District Eight; Tuesday, November 1, District One; Thursday, November 3, District Seven; Friday, November 4, District Six. In the above meetings, Mr. Nelson Tull, Brotherhood Secretary of Arkansas and a former Mississippian, will be the principal speaker on Brotherhood work. He has already accepted the engagements and we are looking forward to having him with us. The second week 8, District three; Thursday, November 7, District two Tuesday, November dates are as follows: Monday, November 11, District Five. In the above conferences for our second week, Mr. L. H. Tapscott, Brotherhood Secretary of Texas, will be the principal speaker on Brotherhood work. Mr. Tapscott was with us two years ago and did a marvelous job. We look forward to having him again this Fall.

State Brotherhood Convention November 14

Our Annual State Brotherhood Convention is to be November 14, immediately preceding the opening of the Mississippi Baptist Convention on November 15. We have a full day and night for our Convention. We are shooting for one thousand laymen for the night session. This should be the greatest meeting of men in Baptist history in Mississippi. Mark this date on your calendar and let's start now working toward a great Convention.



REV. W. W. KYZAR

Rev. W. W. Kyzar will preach in the meeting at the First Baptist Church Meadville, Feb. 20-27. Mr. Kyzar is a former pastor of the Meadville Church.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ARE INDEED fortunate in that we have church agencies that we employ in the work of evangelism. Chief among these agencies is the Sunday school... C. E. Matthews in *The Sunday School Builder*.

NEW ORLEANS—THE LOWEST PER pound cost of processing goods in the history of the Southern Baptist Relief Center was achieved in January. Average cost per pound for receiving, weighing, storing, baling, and wrapping relief supplies has run all the way from three plus cents to ten cents per pound. The January report shows that the cost of operation per pound was less than three cents, by far the lowest of any national relief agency operating in the United States. During the month, the Relief Center shipped 434,250 pounds of clothing and bedding to Germany and China.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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MR. PHILIP B. HARRIS

Mr. Philip B. Harris, superintendent of Young People's work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will be at our Mississippi Sunday School Convention in Columbus, March 8-9, to direct the conferences on this work.

Our Mississippi Young People's workers will surely want to take advantage of the splendid service of this capable Southwide leader. He is one of our very best.

JANUARY STANDARDS

Schools: Hattiesburg Main Street, Dr. J. E. Barnes, pastor, Mr. M. A. Mayo, superintendent; Cedar Grove, Dr. Mark Lowry, pastor, Mr. Orren Fortenberry, superintendent; Hepzibah, Rev. A. R. Smith, pastor, Mr. C. H. Hedgepeth, superintendent.

Departments: Intermediate Main Street Hattiesburg, Mrs. Edwin Madison, superintendent.

Classes: Cheerful Helpers, Junior, West Laurel, Mrs. C. J. Gatlin, teacher; Willing Workers, Junior, Mendenhall, Mrs. L. H. Lee; True, Trusted, Tried, Hattiesburg Main Street, Intermediate, Mrs. Ben Sowden, Sr.; Eagles, Intermediate, Hattiesburg Main Street, Mr. B. L. Craft; Morning Star, Intermediate, Jackson First, Mrs. W. F. Bond; Radiant, Intermediate, New Albany, Mrs. Egbert Martin; Golden Rule, Intermediate, New Albany, Mrs. Lacy Hale; Queen Esthers, Intermediate, New Albany, Mrs. E. C. Caldwell; Fellowship, Adult, Jackson Northside, Mr. S. L. Stringer; T. E. L., Adult, Grenada, Mrs. R. B. Thomason; Philathea, Adult, Jackson Parkway, Mrs. G. Norman Price; Fidelis, Adult, Itta Bena, Mrs. Andrew Todd.

Our sincere thanks to the leaders of all these standard units. Why don't you get one of the new standards, check it over, and work to reach all the points? It is easier than the old standard.

REACHING OUR GOALS

Southern Baptists are up to their necks in this important business of reaching our three great goals of Reaching, Teaching and Winning the people this year. Many reports are constantly coming of victories won.

Visiting Pays. Bring them to your class and church. Some are tired, others forgetful, and others need an extra invitation. But get them to your class and church—they'll like your personal interest and enjoy both the

fellowship and Bible study. BRING THEM!

FEBRUARY IS NURSERY MONTH

The newest department of the Sunday school is the Nursery department. It ministers to all children under four years of age who attend Sunday school. The objectives of this department are three: (1) Emphasis is placed on family Sunday school attendance. (2) The Nursery department places emphasis on the spiritual growth of the child. (3) The Nursery department places the emphasis on the future of the church and community. Right training at this age will tend to produce Christian leadership of the highest type. Surely these three worthwhile objectives should be incentive enough for every Sunday school to provide an adequate Nursery.

If you do not have a Nursery department in your Sunday school, won't you organize one NOW? Secure the best workers in your church for this task. Write to the Sunday School Department, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, for free supplies for the first quarter's work. Order a copy of the book, THE NURSERY DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, from your Baptist Book Store and study it. Try to enroll at least eight babies during February.

If you do have a Nursery department in your Sunday school, won't you cooperate in this emphasis by strengthening your organization and adding eight new babies to your roll in February?

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MRS. WINNIE CHEATHAM

On December 28, 1948, Mrs. Winnie Cheatham left her earthly home to make her eternal abode with her Heavenly Father. In her passing the Yazoo City Church lost one of its most loyal and beloved members.

Genuinely good, kind, gentle and useful was Mrs. Cheatham. Never ostentatious, but modest and humble was she. Her service in the cause of Christ was noteworthy over a period of many years. A valued member of the Woman's Missionary Society, she gave to this Church organization her time, talents and full allegiance. Always ready to minister to the sick, cheer the despondent, and share with the needy. Truly she put her Christian love into action. In her home she was ever tender, patient and devoted, playing faithfully and well her role as wife and mother.

Therefore, be it resolved:

First — That we thank God for the beautiful character of this Christian woman.

Second — That we express our feeling of great loss at her going.

Third — That we express our deepest sympathy to her loved ones, assuring them that we, too, shall miss her.

Fourth — That these resolutions be recorded in our minutes, that a copy be sent to the family and that they be published in the Yazoo City Herald and in the Baptist Record.

MRS. JOHN WATSON
Chairman
MRS. B. E. PATTY
MRS. W. D. McCALIF

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IN 1948, 23,955 OF THE 26,822 BAPTIST churches affiliated with the Southern Convention had fewer than 500 members. Only 233 churches had more than 2,000 members.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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campaign for funds for the Summer Missionaries and for sending Joe Barber to Stockholm has as its deadline May 1. . . Our 1949 Youth Revival Crusade is already underway. Pastors may write for teams, students may volunteer any time. Already several meetings are being planned. . .

Bob Denny, Ridgecrest Manager Bob Guy Pastor Lowrey Compere of Northside, Jackson, Pastor Wayne Todd of Daniel Memorial, Jackson, are planning to be with us at Retreat, Apr. 22-23. . . Mississippian Dick Rollins, of Clarksdale; Mrs. Sadie T. Crawley, Blue Mt.; Riley Munday and Joyce Saxon, of Miss. Southern, make the Mar. edition of *Baptist Student*. Riley's and Joyce's pitchers are in as well as the immediate object of the well-known "Buck-of-the-Month Club," the Station Wagon. . . 12 Jones BSUs recently gave program at Bethlehem Church. . . 3 converted, 4 joined the local church, \$3,542.04 of total church offerings of \$6,674.98 given by college people and their families, is partial recent report from Miss. State. . . \$12.50 given to World Relief by Sunflower Jr. BSUs. . . One joined local church from Perkinson Jr. . . Also one from Belhaven. . . 53 unsaved reported at E. Cent. Jr. . . Blue Mt. has 424 volumes in BSU library, recently added position of Librarian to BSU Council. . . 72 of 81 Baptists at Woman's College give systematically, 69 tithe, 40 is average at Noonday Prayer Meeting. . .

RIDGECREST MUSIC WEEK
TO BE AUGUST 25-31

W. Hines Sims, Associate
Department of Church Music
Baptist Sunday School Board
Nashville, Tennessee

A significant step in the promotion and development of church music throughout the Convention has been taken in arranging a full week of music instruction and inspiration at Ridgecrest for August 25 — August 31. The week will be given over completely to music; the other conferences having arranged their meetings in the weeks previous to the Music Conference.

This is the first time only music has been scheduled. Usually there have been other simultaneous conferences. This new arrangement will open up tremendous possibilities for instruction and inspiration. More class rooms will be available; more time can be given to music, more people can be accommodated.

The school will be directed by Dr. B. B. McKinney, Secretary, Department of Church Music, Baptist Sunday School Board, with W. Hines Sims, his associate as associate director.

The classes and teachers will be: Theory — Lowell C. Alexander, Director of Church Music for Louisiana; Conducting — Ira C. Prosser, Director of Church Music for Oklahoma, and J. D. Riddle, Director of Church Music for Texas; Voice — Eugene F. Quinn, Director of Church Music for Illinois, and W. Plunkett Martin, Director Department of Sacred Music, New Orleans Seminary; Organ — Cecil M. Bolton, School of Sacred Music, South-

western Seminary; Piano — John J. Hamilton, Pastor Covington Baptist Church, Virginia; Graded Choirs — music, Southern Seminary; Junior Mrs. Donald Winters, School of Church Choir — Mrs. J. N. Clancy, Minister of Music, Ingleside Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana; Laboratory Choir I — W. Hines Sims Associate Secretary, Department of Church Music, Baptist Sunday School Board; Laboratory Choir II — Warren M. Angell, Dean School of Music, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Festival Choir — Donald Winters, Director School of Church Music, Southern Seminary; Service Planning and Choric Speech — Mrs. B. W. Nininger, Director of Church Music for Arkansas; General Sessions — B. B. McKinney, Secretary Department of Church Music, Baptist Sunday School Board; Evening Messages — Dr. W. F. Powell, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

The schedule has been arranged to hold classes during the morning hours and the evening, thereby leaving the afternoon open for rest, recreation, swimming boating, golf, all kinds of games, and sightseeing.

Plans should be made immediately to attend and reservations made with Robert Guy, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. A registration fee of \$2.00 per person is required at time of reservation. A complete pamphlet of information, giving classes, schedule, accommodations, and faculty may be secured by writing the Department of Church Music, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

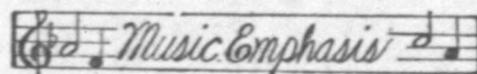
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MRS. J. C. GREENOE

Meet the Training Union Staff:

The first story hour work ever carried on in Mississippi, as far as our record goes, and as far as we have been able to find the first in the Southern Baptist Convention, was at First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Miss. Dr. John C. Greenoe was the pastor. This was in 1918. Mrs. Greenoe was the organizer and leader of this "Primary Union" as we called it then, and the influence of that first Story Hour is still felt in that church and in the state. It has continued in that church consistently since its beginning, and now has a companion organization in several hundred of our Mississippi Baptist churches. As the influence of this first story hour has continued so has the influence of its first leader continued. Today Mrs. Greenoe is known and loved by a host of friends all over the state. For several years she has served as one of our Approved Workers, giving no less than half of her time in enlargement campaigns, leadership schools and other state-wide projects. She will be a member of the team that will conduct "D" Day in each of our associations this year and will lead the conference for Juniors and their leaders in the first grouping and the conference for membership and social committeemen in the second. Mrs. Greenoe continues to make her home at 1414 Baum, Vicksburg, Miss.



The State Training Union Staff leading in the "D" (Demonstration) Day program at Waynesboro, Miss., had the privilege of attending several church services on Sunday, February 6.

Some interesting things were noted in the Evening Worship Service of the First Baptist Church of Waynesboro. The church, just recently, purchased a very fine electric organ. The organ is one of the higher priced organs of this type and after hearing this fine organ, we are convinced that it pays to pay a little more, and get much more in the organ. W. C. Morgan was asked to lead in the Evening Song Service, and a fine choir of young people filled the choir. The piano was added to the congregational singing. The piano



GUENDALYN LOUISE KEYS

The young lady pictured above is Miss Guendalyn Louise Keys, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Keys, Collins Miss. They are members of the Salem Baptist church in Covington Co. Gwendalyn was first place winner in the Nursery Story Hour Bible Story Telling in her district last June and was the only nursery story hour representative at our State Training Union Convention December 28th at Jackson. The story Gwendalyn choose to tell in her church, association, district and state was "God's Friendly Dark." Guendalyn is very proud of her certificate and says she wants to tell another story. Rev. J. C. Rogers is the pastor at Salem, Mrs. C. C. Rogers Training Union Director, Mrs. Walter Stewart, Story Hour Director, and Mrs. Ralph Herrien, Nursery Story Hour Leader.

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ALL WHO HAVE HAD EXPERIENCES of the saving grace of God, and the power of the crucified, risen, and reigning Christ are to tell others of his love, mercy, saving grace, and winning power... Jerome O. Williams **THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDER.**

adds the string effect to the music. Occasionally, during the service, the organ and piano were used to render one stanza of the hymn in ensemble. Such a combination adds beauty to the service and also, enjoyed as a special feature by the audience. Any church where such an organ can be purchased, will greatly profit by it. The instruments should be used in the preludes, interludes and postludes, which add a great deal to the spirit of worship in the church.

The Waynesboro church is to be congratulated upon this fine addition. The organist is using the organ to a great advantage in services, and it is our desire and prayer that the music program of the church will continue to make progress, and will continue to enlist the people in the singing with the motto: "Let All the People Sing."

ELLISON RIDGE ORDAINS
PASTOR L. G. CAMP, JR.



REV. L. G. CAMP, JR.

The Rev. L. G. Camp, Jr., pastor of Ellison Ridge Church Louisville, was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry Wednesday, January 26, at Ellison Ridge.

The ordination sermon was brought by the Rev. E. S. Hall, New Albany. The Rev. N. G. Hickman, Association Missionary presided at the service and a Bible was presented on behalf of the church by the Rev. Everett Denton of Clarke Memorial College.

The Rev. Edwin Brown of Murphy Creek Church brought the report of the presbytery.

Mr. Camp is a native of Temple, Texas. He completed his work at Clarke College in May, 1948 and has since studied at Baylor University, Waco. He has done rather extensive Youth Revival work throughout Mississippi.

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"Dutchy" Provine Speaks In New Miss. College Chapel

Clinton, Miss. Feb. 11, 1949. Dr. John Williams Provine, President Emeritus of Mississippi College, addressed the Student Body in a Chapel service held in the New Chapel in Nelson Hall on Friday, Feb. 11. Dr. Provine's address was entertaining as well as instructive, and he advised the students to try always to work together with others to achieve success.

Dr. Provine served as President of Mississippi College for twenty-one years, from 1911 to 1932. Prior to that time he was chairman of the Faculty for two years when the College had no President and he also served one year as President in 1897-98.

The venerable educator, now 83 years of age, was introduced by President D. M. Nelson. Upon rising to speak Dr. Provine re-introduced himself as "Old Man Dutchy" and said of Dr. Nelson's remarks, "I know they're lies, but I love to hear them."

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SOUTHEAST PASTORS TO MEET ON FEBRUARY 21

The South East Pastors' Conference will meet at 10 a. m. February 21 in the First Church, Laurel.

The Rev. H. L. Fewell will bring the morning devotional and the Rev. H. Anderson will present the morning message.

After lunch Dr. A. L. Goodrich Baptist Record editor, will discuss church publicity and Dr. J. W. Parrish will lead in a Bible study. The meeting will adjourn at 2:15.

Miss. College Adds Bandmastery Course REQUESTS INSTRUMENTS

The Music Department of Mississippi College is expanding to meet the growing needs of a growing school, and introducing a new course in Bandmastery. Students enrolled in this course must learn to play all instruments used in present day bands and orchestras, and for this purpose it is necessary that a number of each type of instruments be obtained for the training.

Have you a musical instrument which is no longer of usefulness to you? Here is a real opportunity to put that instrument in the conscientious hands of deserving and ambitious music students.

Mississippi College is anxious to obtain all the instruments available for this program, and accept any gift or loan of instruments, or will pay a reasonable fee for usable instruments in playable condition.

For further information write to Paul G. Fisher, Band Director, Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi.

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Miss Patsy Bailey Accepts Educational Secretaryship At Holly Springs Church



MISS PATSY BAILEY

Miss Patsy Bailey of Tylertown has recently accepted the position of Educational Secretary of the First Church, Holly Springs, and began her work on February 1.

Miss Bailey served for two and one-half years as office secretary in the Music Department of the Baptist Convention Board.

This is a new field in the work of the Holly Springs Church, where the Rev. Howard Aultman is pastor.

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COOPERATION IS NEEDED

Several DRY SHERIFFS in Mississippi who are doing their best to enforce our laws especially those against strong drink have requested that we urge the Christian people to cooperate whole heartedly in this great work. They need help if we are going to have law enforcement.

Under the auspices of the Oktibeha County Christian Citizens' League, it was my privilege to speak thirty minutes last Sunday afternoon, February 6th, over the radio at Starkville. The purpose of this radio hour was to interest more Christian people in their organized effort to make their county the best Christian county possible. Not long ago, an hour's broadcast was arranged in Meridian for their county-wide meeting.

The American Business Men's Research Foundation has made a study of fifteen years of repeal. Their findings include the following:

"Repeal has brought as increase, and not a decrease in crime."

"Traffic accidents are mounting, and what is more menacing, thousands of filling stations are selling liquor as well as gas."

"Alcohol-caused-deaths, and deaths in which alcohol is a serious but hidden factor, are increasing."

"The American people are drinking more, not less."

"Hard liquor consumption is not

shrinking; instead of the 177,000 retail liquor outlets as in 1919, just prior to prohibition, there are now more than 464,000.

"Liquor consumption under prohibition was, according to official inquiry, 65 per cent less than it is today."

"Liquor taxes are offset three to one by liquor expenditures, while liquor-caused social waste, alone, tops liquor revenue."

"Prohibition enforcement's net cost to U. S. A. was nil, despite claims to the contrary."

"Wet statisticians ignore many economic benefits under prohibition: radical reduction of the national debt, income tax expansion under repeal, record breaking gains during prohibition years, of new life insurance written, an upward spiral in the automobile industry, and the emergence, 1920-1930, of a new billion dollar business in fruit juices and non alcoholic beverages."

"Moreover the wets' eulogy of repeal conceals liquor's developing attack upon laws which have guaranteed the right of the people to vote on the question and attack which has already stripped twelve states of this privilege."

Concluding the Foundation says: "On the basis of 1934-1947 'justifies repeal,' is about as reasonable a claim as it would be to assert that the results of World War II justified the claims and pretensions of the pompous author of *Mein Kampf*."

SIDNEY K. ARMSTRONG, SR.

On January 15 Rockport lost one of its best, most beloved citizens in the home going of Sidney K. Armstrong, Sr. Mr. Armstrong, age 81, was one of the charter members of Rockport Church and served as an officer through these years, deacon and church clerk.

He and Miss Rosa Little of Rockport had been married almost fifty years and had a happy home. To this union were born three sons and one daughter: S. K. Armstrong, Jr. of Columbia, Lamar H. Armstrong of Rockport, John T. Armstrong of Hazlehurst, and Mrs. Ottis L. Byrd of Lumberton.

In addition to his wife and children, his survivors include four grandchildren and two sisters.

Mr. Armstrong served his day and generation well. May we be faithful to the church that he loved and served so loyally.

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40 & 25 Years Ago

BY J. L. BOYD SR.

40 YEARS AGO

Superintendent J. R. Carter reports 43 cases of measles among the children of Baptist Orphanage.

The First church of Columbia goes to full time with Rev. W. A. Hewitt as their pastor.

25 YEARS AGO

The Ellisville church went to full time the first of the year, doubling Pastor Austin's salary.

Rev. W. O. Carter goes to Waynesboro as pastor, having been a student in Mississippi College the past year.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

February 20—Miss Elizabeth Purser, Blue Mountain faculty; Dr. Fred Moseley, Brotherhood President, George County Association.

February 21—Rev. Upton Reynolds, Clarke College faculty; Mrs. Wilburn Buckley, WMU District I Chairman.

February 22—Rev. N. F. Davis, Jr., BSU Pastor Advisor, Southwest Junior College; Rev. C. J. Smyly, Tippah Associational BTU Director.

February 23—Mrs. Pollye Lett, House Mother, Baptist Orphanage; Joe C. Taylor, Newton Association Sunday School Superintendent.

February 24—Rev. R. R. Brigance, Mississippi Association, Convention Board Member; C. O. Dean, Leland, Baptist Foundation trustee.

February 25—Pascal Moore, Newton, Baptist Hospital trustee; W. A. Huff, Forrest, Baptist Orphanage trustee.

February 26—Mrs. L. R. Williams, Baptist Building, Mailing Department; Frank McDonald, Meridian, Mississippi College trustee.

Applications For Exhibit Space At SBC Due March 1

OKLAHOMA CITY — (BP) — Baptist institutions and agencies desiring space in the exhibition hall at the Southern Baptist Convention here May 18-22 should make application immediately to Mr. George Card, 127 Ninth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn.

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Mr. Card said that March 1 is the deadline for applications for space.

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Sunday School Lesson

JESUS CHOOSES THE TWELVE

By Dr. Hight C. Moore

The settlement at Capernaum put Jesus in the heart of the Galilean world. The call of the four (Mark 1:16-20) brought to his side as personal attendants and associates two pairs of brothers who had become his disciples under the preaching of John the Baptist. At his word they now gave up a good fishing business to become fishers of men. In midsummer of the year 28 he chose the twelve apostles (Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16) and preached the sermon of the Mount as the inaugural address of his kingdom.

Notes Analytical and Expository

I FOUR BY THE SEA

Jesus was passing along the beach, apparently in the suburbs of Capernaum. There were two pairs of brothers. They were partners in a fishing firm which must have been very successful. Peter had a home in Capernaum. We know that, later, John had a home in Jerusalem. Their business equipment of boats and nets and their staff of hired servants show that they were well-to-do.

Down by the Jordan they had accepted Jesus as the Lamb of God, and they may have been with him during part or most of his Judean ministry. They were with him at Jacob's well and at the wedding feast in Cana. Yet they retained their business connections and wrought at their profession for the support of their families. Now, however, they get their call to abandon secular pursuits and give themselves wholly to the ministry.

The first pair was Simon Peter and Andrew. They were busy at their work, being at the moment engaged in casting a net into the sea. Expert fishermen, they were in the lake, and their Great Observer saw in them expert fishermen in the oceans of humanity. Hence the definite call to constant association with Jesus: "Come ye after me"; and the promise of that transformation and training which would qualify them for the greatest possible service: "I will make you to become fishers of men." Without a moment's hesitation or delay, Peter and Andrew obeyed the call, giving up at once their business to join Jesus wholly for the whole time in his work of winning souls.

The second pair, James and John, sons of Zebedee, were but a few rods distant on the beach. They were in the boat with their father and the hired servants mending their nets. With equal readiness they heeded the same call just extended and accepted by their partners; for immediately they left their father, the servants, the boat, and their business, and followed Jesus. This the principals in a successful fishing company became pioneers in the Christian ministry.

II TWELVE ON THE MOUNTAIN

See Jesus praying now as in his dedication at baptism, in his glory at transfiguration, in his agony at Gethsemane, and in his atonement on the cross. It was a crisis in his career, and he "continued all night in prayer to God," probably on one of the twin peaks of Hattin.

See Jesus choosing the twelve in the early morning, having descended to a level spot near the crest where the multitude had assembled. There Jesus called his disciples close about him from the crowd. Then perhaps with little ceremony but great solemnity and evident significance he selected from them twelve men as his associates and witnesses henceforth. Eleven were from Galilee and only one (the betrayer) from Judea. Two lists are in our larger lesson; the two others are in Matthew (10:2-4) and Acts (1:13). Looking at them together, note that Bartholomew is Nathanael; Thaddeus of Lebbaeus is Judas, the brother of James; and Simon the Canaanite

Dr. Criswell To Lead In Clinton Revival

144 Students Join Daily In Continuous Prayer Feb. 13-21



DR. W. A. CRISWELL

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Church, Dallas will begin a revival at the Clinton Church on Monday evening February 21, with Prof. E. N. Elsey leading the singing.

Three special and particular groups are making spiritual preparations for the meeting. The deacons are holding four special prayer services prior to the meeting and have assigned to themselves the task of personally visiting each prospect. The women are holding three weeks of intermittent prayer meetings, and are planning also to visit every prospective woman member.

Beginning at 9 p. m. Sunday, February 13, and continuing through Monday, February 21, prayer is being offered 24 hours a day, with 144 students taking part each day.

Morning services will meet Tuesday through Friday at 9:50 in the Mississippi College chapel and evening services will be held in the Clinton Church at 7:30 February 21-27.

or Canaan is Simon Belotes, or the Zealot.

Observe also the three groups of four each with the same name heading each group; Peter of the first; Philip of the second, James the son of Alpheus of the third. The name of Judas stands last in all Gospel lists and is omitted from that in Acts.

It is also noticeable that among the Twelve there were no scribes or rulers of synagogues or rabbis or other members of the ecclesiastical order. There was not a man of rank, wealth, or culture among them. Yet Bruce maintains they were "the best men that could be got." What unprejudiced minds and plain, homely characters, they were (as Jones points out) poor men belonging to "the stratum in which the center of gravity of humanity lay."

So we see Jesus ordaining the twelve whom "he named apostles." That is, he set them apart to be his messengers or missionaries. For their supreme mission, he must personally train them to be true and faithful witnesses of his work and teaching, his atoning death, his triumphant resurrection, and his Lordship of all the good to the end of the age.

The Lesson of the Lesson Hear and Heed the Call of Christ

(1) **Jesus Looking:** "As he walked by the sea... he saw... and when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw."

(2) **Jesus Locating:** "Simon and Andrew his brother... James... and John his brother."

Dr. Chester E. Swor To Speak At Hattiesburg Feb. 20-22



DR. CHESTER E. SWOR

Dr. Chester E. Swor nationally known lecturer and conference leader will be in Hattiesburg February 20-22 for a series of addresses at First church and at Mississippi Woman's College. He will speak morning and night, February 20 at the First Church, and at an association wide young people's rally the same day at 3:00 p. m.

On Monday and Tuesday, February 21-22 Dr. Swor will speak at the chapel program of Woman's College and be available as counselor for young people desiring interviews.

Dr. Swor is a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi College. He holds the M. A. degree from the University of North Carolina and the Professional Diploma in Guidance from Columbia University. In 1945 Baylor University conferred the L. H. D. degree upon him. He has travelled abroad twice and since 1942 has travelled approximately 45,000 miles each year largely in the Southern Baptist Convention area and has become one of the outstanding spiritual leaders of this generation.

—BR—

S. S. Attendance At Plymouth Church Exceeds Church Roll

Due to recent floods which at times were waist deep in the church, no services were held in Plymouth church, Columbus, for two Sundays.

On several Sundays before Christmas there were more in Sunday school and church services than the church had members. The Sunday school enrollment is 95 and the Training Union 70.

Plans are being made to build an educational building to care for 200 in Sunday school.

(3) **Jesus Discerning.** "Casting a net into the sea... in the ship mending their nets."

(4) **Jesus Calling.** "Jesus said unto them, ... straightway he called them."

(5) **Jesus Commanding.** "Come ye after me."

(6) **Jesus Transforming.** "I will make you to become fishers of men."

(7) **Jesus Trusted.** "They forsook their nets, ... They left their father... in the ship with the hired servants."

(8) **Jesus Obeyed.** "Followed him... went after him."

(9) **Jesus Interceding.** "He went out into a mountain... and continued all night in prayer."

(10) **Jesus Entrusting.** "He called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve."

UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOC. TO MEET FEB. 20

The Union Associational Sunday School meeting will be held at 2:30 p. m. on February 20, at the Red Lick Church.

The Bible, The Quarterly, The Teacher, The Officers, and The Records, are parts to be discussed by the Rev. A. E. Hamilton, Mrs. James Clark, W. C. Mills, A. E. Alderman, and Mrs. L. S. Greer respectively.

The inspirational address will be delivered by the newly elected Associational Missionary, Rev. W. E. Hardy.

—BR—

C. S. Thomas Seriously Ill

The many friends of Dr. C. S. Thomas will learn with regret that he is seriously ill in Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, with TB. Dr. Thomas says that he is fighting for life and may not win.

According to his physicians, Dr. Thomas will never be able to work again. His home address is 1322 Second Ave., Columbus.

Prior to his illness Dr. Thomas was pastor of New Hope church in Sunflower county. Among prior pastorates were Itta Bena, Duck Hill and Daniels (Jackson).

—BR—

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

February 13, 1949		
Greenville, Second	232	92
Jackson, North Side	491	215
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	315	117
Jackson, First	1,316	377
Jackson, Van Winkle	453	222
Jackson, Parkway	732	252
Parkway Chapel	112	37
Jackson, Elraine	130	92
East Side,		
(Rankin County)	82	55
Zion Hill (Copiah County)	54	65
Crystal Springs	696	190
New Albany	494	149
Including Mission	518	176
West Laurel	419	108
Corinth, Tate St.	272	74
Hattiesburg, Main St.	826	236
Laurel, First	603	149
Florence, Steen's Creek	133	26
Siwel (Hinds County)	146	117
Providence (Forrest County)	133	92
Bruce	257	85
Brookhaven, First	989	274
Bogue Chitto		
(Pike County)	107	77
Cherry Creek		
(Pontotoc County)	70	45
Paynes	152	64
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	220	88
Brandon	190	54
Center (Union County)	146	67
Gulfport, First	672	132
East Moss Point	159	67
Booneville, First	284	123
Durant, First	216	93
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	73	70
Delay	60	43
O'Tuckalofa (Yalobusha County)		
Columbus, First	903	270
Beulah (Simpson County)	195	151
Tupelo, Harrisburg	391	117
Lucedale	325	109
East Columbia	60	32
Pleasant Valley		
(Simpson County)	169	184
Pascagoula, First	451	138
Admiral Schley Mission	45	38
South Laurel	78	46
Siloam (Simpson County)	75	
Grenada, First	520	87
Kreole, First	119	88
East McComb	409	246
Sharon (Jones County)	109	98
Union (Pearl River County)	121	102
Chalybeate	72	34
Carmel (Lauderdale County)	80	52
Laurel, Second Ave.	422	120
Oloh (Lamar County)	74	74
Mantee	119	29
Friendship (Pike County)	146	87
Holly Springs		
(Lincoln County)	36	
February 6, 1949		
Greenwood, First	594	115
Paynes	125	72
East McComb	407	200
Siwel (Hinds County)	113	138
Mantee	99	

GOING PLACES
 BY A. L. GOODRICH

HOLLY GROVE, SIMPSON, IS NO. 938

Holly Grove Church in Simpson County is a recent addition to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive **EVERY FAMILY** Plan of the Baptist Record. Rev. T. E. Lee, who is a student at Clarke College, is the pastor.

The list of 29 names was sent by treasurer J. J. Berry, whose address is Braxton.

Simpson County Record readers are now listed as follows: Antioch, 14; Beulah, 53; Braxton, 53; Coats, 16; D'Lo, 65; Bethlehem (Fork), 45; Goodwater, 14; Harrisville, 42; Jupiter, 25; Macedonia, 53; Magee, 148; Mendenhall, 107; Mt. Zion, 96; Pine Grove, 32; Pinola, 54; Pleasant Hill, 65; Pleasant Valley 42; Poplar Springs, 41; Sanatorium, 2; Shivers, 32; Siloam, 33; Spring Hill, 20; Stonewall, 29; Strong River, 33; Weathersby, 1; New Bethlehem, 11; Everett, 13; Holly Grove, 29.

CLARKE COLLEGE

We held our annual meeting with the ministerial students of Clarke College on February 3. The climax was the refreshments served by the college dietitian, Mrs. T. L. Everett with Clarke College girls as assistants.

Many of the student pastors already have the **EVERY FAMILY** Plan of the Baptist Record and others promised to put it over soon.

Newton County Record readers are now listed as follows: Bethel, 42; Beulah, 35; Center Ridge, 1; Chunky, 23; Clarks Venerable, 180; Cross Road, 11; Duffee, 59; Good Hope, 1; Hickory, 89; Lawrence, 21; Liberty, 46; Midway, 2; Mt. Nebo, 1; Mt. Pleasant, 4; Mt. Vernon, 29; New Fellowship, 18; New Ireland, 21; New Prospect, 18; Newton, 308; Oakland, 7; Pinkney, 43; Pleasant Hill 39; Poplar Springs, 2; Providence, 26; Rock Branch, 10; Rock Hill, 26; Stratton, 27; Sulphur Springs, 41; Union First, 157; Greenland, 5.

CALVARY, WASHINGTON COUNTY, IS BACK

A few weeks ago the Calvary Church in Greenville, Rev. Robert B. Dickson, pastor, cancelled its subscriptions for the Baptist Record families, members of this church, are now receiving the Baptist Record.

Record readers in Washington County are now listed as follows: Alexander Memorial, 16; Arcola 48; Darlove, 29; Ferriday, 20; Glen Allen, 30; Greenville, First, 349; Greenville, Second, 65; Greenville, Calvary, 40; East Greenville, 110; Hollandale, 126; Leland, 257; Swiftwater, 13.

NEW ZION IS IN

New Zion Church, Scott County, is a recent addition to the growing list of churches that have made the Baptist Record a part of their program. Rev. W. G. Henderson student at Mississippi College, is the pastor.

Record readers in Scott County are now listed as follows: Bethlehem, 35; Branch, 2; Clifton, 57; Coopersville, 1; Forest, First, 216; Good Hope, 42; Harperville, 65; Hillsboro, 3; Homewood, 17; Hopewell, 30; Lake, 41; Liberty, 27; Line Creek, 42; Ludlow, 90; Morton, 113; Oak Grove, 20; Pleasant Ridge 12; Pulaski, 19; Cash, 6; Ridge, 1; Springfield, 68; Steele, 1; New Zion, 10.

FOX NAMED ANNUITY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

REV. BAYNARD F. FOX

The Rev. Baynard F. Fox, who for three years has served as director of retirement plans for Kentucky, will give half of his time in 1949 as field representative of the Relief and Annuity Board throughout the various states in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. Fox, a native of Kentucky and a graduate of the Louisville Seminary, is well fitted to represent the Relief and Annuity Board. Having served in pastorates in his native state, he has the pastor's point of view and is thoroughly acquainted with the details of Southern Baptist life and the denominational plans and programs. Experience with two of the larger insurance companies of America gives him a background of appreciation for the retirement plans of the Relief and Annuity Board.

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SEMINARY CHURCH, PERRY COUNTY, NOTES GROWTH

The Rev. W. P. Blair, pastor of Seminary Church in Perry County, moved on the field in November. Since that time the church has gone from half-time to full-time and every phase of the church program has expanded.

Two departments have been added in the Sunday School and the attendance has more than doubled. A W. M. U. has been organized, and a Boy Scout troop is being sponsored.

A piano will be purchased during February and gifts to the Cooperative Program have increased. The financial budget for 1949 more than triples the budget for the preceding year.

There have been three additions to the church and three deacons have been ordained.

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Bethlehem Has BSU Program

"Honoring Christ in School, Church and Social Life," was impressively presented on Saturday night, February 5th, to the young people of Bethlehem Church, Jones County, by Miss Bettye Hubbard, BSU Secretary, and Miss Jackie Greene, Mary Jacqueline Ekes, and Dean Parker, of the Jones County Junior College Ellisville.

Some months ago Ralph Balch, BTU director, organized the Youth Prayer Meeting and Social Hour, which meets bi-monthly by the young people and intermediates of Bethlehem.

The pastor, Rev. D. C. Jenkins, heartily approves this method of meeting the spiritual and social needs of our Baptist youth.

Majority Of Southern Baptist Churches Have Fewer Than 200 Members
By Porter Routh

More than 64 per cent of all of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have fewer than 200 members, according to information supplied by the associational clerks which will appear in the **1949 Southern Baptist Handbook** soon to be published by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Of the 26,822 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, 32.8 per cent have fewer than 100 members, 31.8 per cent have between 101-200 members, and 89.3 per cent of the total number have 500 members or less. Fewer than 1 per cent of the churches

have more than 2,000 members. Of the 233 churches with more than 2,000 members, 63 are located in Texas. But Texas also has 1,138 churches with 100 or less members.

More than half of the churches in Arizona, California, and Kansas have fewer than 100 members. Of the larger states, Arkansas leads in the number of churches with 100 members or less with 460 churches in this group, or 45.9 per cent. The record of each state, with the number of churches in each group classification will appear in the **1949 Handbook**.

MR. ALVIE SMITH

Alvie Smith of Lucien, age 63, died at the Baptist Hospital, Jackson, on February 1, after a brief illness. Funeral services were held in the Damascus Church, with Pastor L. C. Brown officiating and assisted by Rev. Sammie Crawford of Hazlehurst. Nephews served as pallbearers.

A native of Franklin County, he is survived by his wife, nee Ada Lofton; one son, C. L. Smith of Brookhaven; three daughters, Mrs. S. J. Farmer of Lucien, Mrs. George Hansen of Montgomery, Ala., and Miss Monell Smith of Jackson, and six brothers.

God called Mr. Alvie from our midst, but his spirit will always remain in our church and community. His smile will ever be a guiding light and sweet memories for the many friends who knew and loved him.

We extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy, and pray God will comfort and sustain them.

 Damascus Church
 MRS. SAM BARFOOT,
 Reporter

Russian-Zone Guarantees Religious Liberty In Berlin

BERLIN — (RNS) — Religious liberty is guaranteed in the new constitution drafted by the Soviet-sponsored "People's Council."

A member of the Christian Democratic Union, a political party comprising Protestants and Roman Catholics, Dr. Herwegen said the charter "guarantees everyone full liberty of belief and conscience."

"It puts the undisturbed exercise of religious activities under the protection of the republic," he said, "and stipulates only that church institutions and religious activities must not be misused for political purposes."

"Nobody can be forced to reveal his membership in a religious body under the terms of the new constitution, nor can anyone be forced to participate in church activities."

"There will be no financial relations between the Church and the State."

"Religious instruction will be permitted in schools, but such instruction must be given by persons selected by the churches. Parents may decide whether a child shall participate in such instruction until the child reaches the age of 14 years."

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MAN HAS AN IMMORTAL NATURE that will live after his earthly existence has ended. The eternal destiny of an individual depends absolutely upon his personal relationship with Jesus Christ. If his name is written in the Lamb's book of life, then he will spend eternity in everlasting bliss in heaven. . . Austin Crouch, THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDER.